

23 September 1960

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to General Medaris' book, Countdown for Decision, and stated it would be worthwhile for Howie Stoertz and [redacted] to read it and bring to his attention any important items. As a case in point, the Director noted the following from the prologue:

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"Positive, affirmative decision is the lifeblood of all organized human activity, and the only process by which progress is made. The absence of decision is in itself a decision -- a negative one -- and always spells trouble in the future. The U-2 disaster may well be a case in point. Why were we forced to use the vulnerable U-2? Much earlier it should have been replaced by something of greater performance, far less exposed to attack -- hopefully, even by a reconnaissance satellite. But there had been no affirmative decision, in time, to provide anything better." •

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ACTION: Mr. Barnes

c. Stated he had noted the difficulty in trying to arrange a meeting between the opposite factions in Laos and said he had suggested to Mr. Fitzgerald that one possible way out of the dilemma to find a suitable place would be to suggest that the [redacted]

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[redacted] - - - thereby providing an opportunity for all interested parties to attend in a neutral country. Mr. Amory noted he had just read in the paper that the [redacted] is still on his trip and is presently [redacted]. The Director commented that nevertheless consideration should be given to finding a neutral spot where these people can meet and remarked that possibly the [redacted] could handle this.

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ACTION: Mr. Barnes

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d. Reported that at yesterday's meeting of the special committee, [redacted] had advised that an air attache (name not specified) had just returned from South Africa and had some ideas on aircraft for [redacted] Katanga. The Director said he told Mr. [redacted] that he did not believe now was the time to activate such a program; however, it might be well to have something along this line in reserve.

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ACTION: Mr. Barnes to get in touch with the attache in question.

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interesting comments from Khrushchev. Mr. Amory noted that there is a committee within the Agency chaired by Chet Cooper and participated in by members of the CI Staff pulling up information we have received thusfar on the Khrushchev comments. The Director stated he would like to see what we have. Mr. Amory also noted that parts 2 and 3 of last week's Weekly contain some information on this subject.

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ACTION: [redacted]

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f. Noted a cable from [redacted]. Commented he did not quite agree with the COS' statement that the [redacted] is apparently on the shelf. He also said he saw no reason why the COS could not go to [redacted] for an operational briefing. However, he did not feel he should have a TDY visit to headquarters just at this time.

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ACTION: Mr. Barnes

g. Referred to a memorandum from Chief, African Division, regarding the possibilities of establishing a CIA station in [redacted] and asked Mr. Barnes to see what might be down in this regard.

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ACTION: Mr. Barnes

h. Referred to a UPI dispatch (111) of 21 September regarding three young African students who were beaten and subjected to racial bias in Moscow because they refused to become Red agents, and stated such action on the part of the Soviets is excellent grist for our propaganda mill.

ACTION: Mr. Barnes

Mr. Amory commented that he hoped if these and other similarly treated students applied for admission to American Universities, the "security types" would not prevent their coming to the U. S. just because they had studied in Moscow.

MR. KENT:

Referred to a memorandum prepared by Ray Kline, Subject: A Bold New China Policy, and Mr. Bissell's comment thereon ".....since ONE is obviously a hotbed of support for the Chinese Communists....." and stated "he thoroughly resented this unfair remark." The Director said he had not seen either of the memoranda and asked that all copies of Mr. Bissell's memorandum be recalled and destroyed.

ACTION: Mr. Barnes

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